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FOR US DELEGATION TO INTERNATIONAL WHALING CONFERENCE (IWC)

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1. SUMMARY. DANISH DELEGATE TO IWC LEMCHE, GENERALLY IN FAVOR OF POINTS RAISED IN REFTEL BUT THINKS THERE MIGHT BE PROBLEMS IN IMPLEMENTATION AS INDICATED BELOW. END SUMMARY.

2. DANISH DELEGATION WILL CONSIST OF LEMCHE OF THE GREENLAND MINISTRY AND KAPEL, THE MAMMOLOGIST, FROM THE GREENLAND FISHERY INVESTIGATION STAFF. THERE WILL NOT BE A DELEGATE FROM THE DANISH ENVIRONMENTAL MINISTRY ATTENDING.

3. ON THE QUESTION OF A NEW CONFERENCE OF PLENIPOTENTIARIES TO NEGOTIATE A NEW CONVENTION LEMCHE IS IN FAVOR BUT SOME OF THE BRACKETED SECTIONS IN THE DRAFT HE FEELS MIGHT CAUSE PROBLEMS. IN PARTICULAR THE RELATIONSHIP TO THE 200 MILE REGIME ARE STILL UNDER DISCUSSION AND HE INDICATED THERE WAS A STRONG FEELING WITHIN SOME OF THE DELEGATIONS TO WAIT FOR THE RESULTS OF THE LOS CONFERENCE, HOWEVER LONG THAT MIGHT TAKE. LEMCHE WAS NOT AWARE
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OF THE SUPPORT FOR THIS PROPOSAL IN THE MAY 1977, NAIROBI MEETING OF THE UNITED NATION ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM, GOVERNING COUNCIL.

4. DENMARK IS IN FAVOR OF ALL WHALE FISHING COUNTRIES BEING MEMBERS OF THE IWC, BUT IS DOUBTFUL WHETHER A BAN ON IMPORTS FROM NON-MEMBERS WILL PRODUCE THE DESIRED RESPONSE. LEMCHE THINKS THAT A MULTILATERAL COOPERATIVE APPROACH MIGHT BE MORE

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BENEFICIAL IN INDUCING NON-MEMBERS TO JOIN THE IWC.

5. LEMCHE SAID THAT PAST EXPERIENCE WITH OBSERVERS ATTENDING SESSIONS HAS NOT BEEN GOOD BUT IS WILLING TO ACCEPT A ONE-YEAR TRIAL OF OBSERVERS ATTENDING THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE MEETINGS. LEMCHE IS NOT IN FAVOR OF PRESS ATTENDANCE AT ANY OF THE SESSIONS BECAUSE HE THINKS THE PRESENCE OF THE PRESS MIGHT INHIBIT COMPROMISING DURING THE NEGOTIATIONS.

6. REGARDING NEW MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES LEMCHE IS IN FAVOR OF PROTECTING SMALL CETACEANS BUT FEELS THE LARGE NUMBER OF NEW SPECIES INVOLVED MIGHT PROVE TO BE MORE THAN CAN BE PROPERLY CONTROLLED. HOWEVER, DANISH SCIENTISTS STRONGLY SUPPORT PROTECTING THE ADDITIONAL SPECIES. LEMCHE ALSO SUPPORTS THE CONTROL OF WHALES OUT TO 200 MILES BY INDIVIDUAL NATIONS BUT CITED THE LOS PRINCIPLE OF OPTIMUM UTILIZATION AS A POTENTIAL PROBLEM.

7. LEMCHE IS ALSO IN FAVOR OF COORDINATION BY THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE OF WHALE RESEARCH TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF WHALES TAKEN FOR RESEARCH PURPOSES. BUT HE SAID THAT AT PRESENT BECAUSE OF THERE BEING AN ANNUAL MEETING ONLY, THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO COPE PROPERLY WITH THIS ISSUE. HE DID ADMIT THAT ADDITIONAL MEETINGS COULD BE SCHEDULED IF NECESSARY.
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